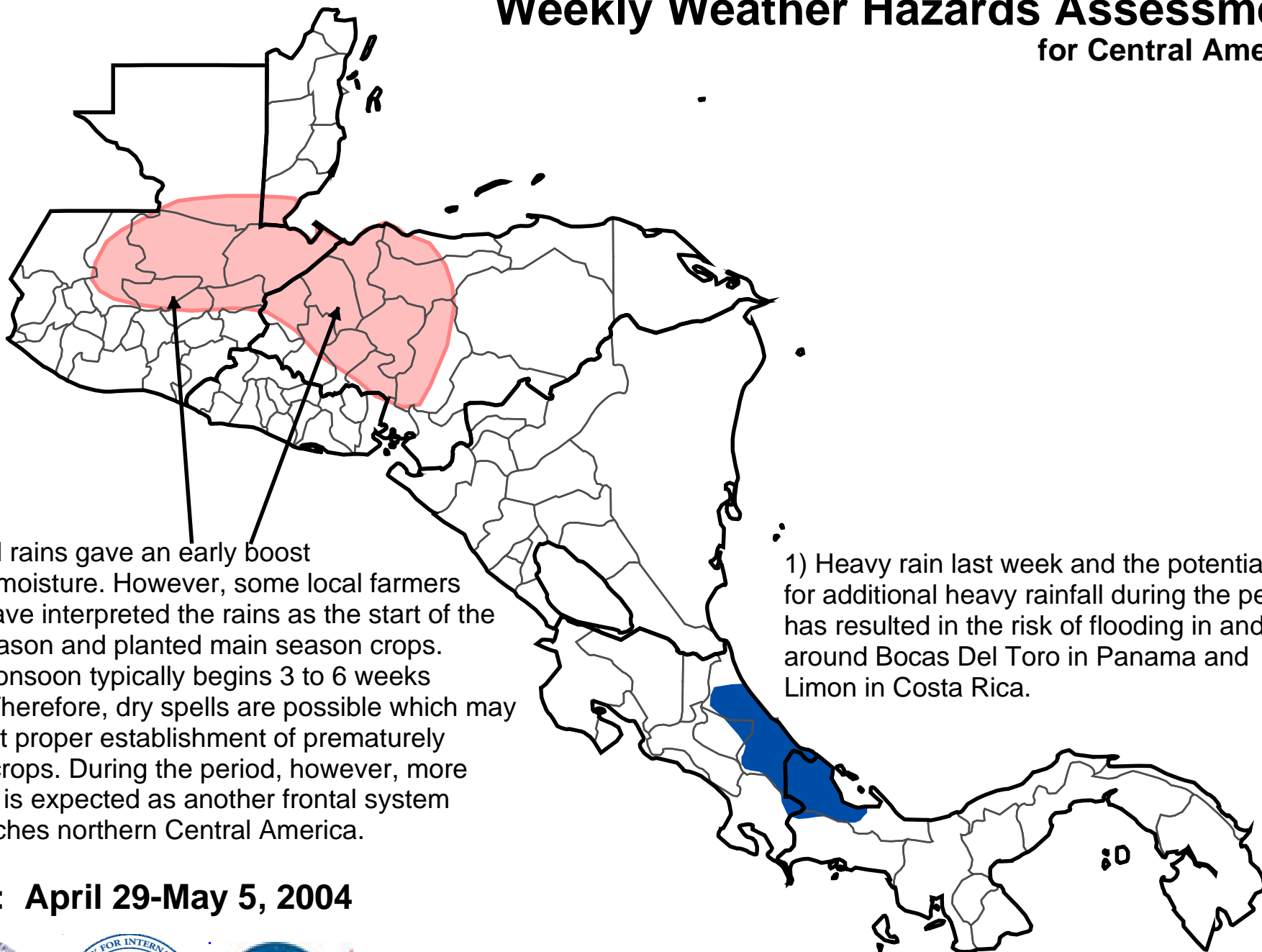


# Weekly Weather Hazards Assessment for Central America



2) April rains gave an early boost to soil moisture. However, some local farmers may have interpreted the rains as the start of the wet season and planted main season crops. The monsoon typically begins 3 to 6 weeks later. Therefore, dry spells are possible which may prevent proper establishment of prematurely sown crops. During the period, however, more rainfall is expected as another frontal system approaches northern Central America.

1) Heavy rain last week and the potential for additional heavy rainfall during the period has resulted in the risk of flooding in and around Bocas Del Toro in Panama and Limon in Costa Rica.

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